

# Sally L. Holl

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## **EXPERIENCE**

### **U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY**

#### **Geographer**, Texas Water Science Center, 2010 – present

- Managed a GIS-based water information software development project, *NWIS Snapshot for ArcGIS* (<http://txpub.usgs.gov/snapshot>). Managed \$150K in funding, 8 project staff, and 40 software testers over two development cycles.
- Ground-up creation of a geodatabase, web service, and two USGS Fact Sheets for the *National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center (NCCWSC)*.
- Technical lead and trainer for *DOI Climate Science Center* websites (<http://doi.gov/csc/>).
- Moderated a panel of nationally-recognized scientists to gather user requirements to guide the *USGS Community for Data Integration(CDI)* investment strategy.
- Initiated web-based, crowd-sourced reference management for the USGS [CDI-Data Management](#) committee and the [NCCWSC](#)
- Assisted in collecting and analyzing brine samples from hydrocarbon wells in the *East Texas Oilfield*. Compiled results and site information into a geodatabase to expedite quality assurance and analysis.
- Automated retrieval of well log images and metadata from the Texas Railroad Commission website to a spatially-enabled database using Python scripting for the *Edwards-Trinity Aquifer Study* resulting in significant project cost savings.
- Streamlined production of maps using Data Driven Pages and ArcPy Mapping for the *Sparrow model project* to quantify nitrogen and phosphorus sources and outputs to streams and bays.

#### **Geographer**, Texas Water Science Center, 2007 – 2009

- Led field geospatial data collection and desktop data integration to identify impacts of contaminants on fish health for *United States-Mexico Border Environmental Health Initiative (BEHI)*. Managed BEHI hydrology account funding of \$60K for six project staff.
- Managed a \$20K *Data Rescue and Recovery* project: <http://txpub.usgs.gov/LTM>.
- Streamlined production of flood inundation maps and calculation of precipitation statistics using Google Earth, Python scripting and ArcMap for biological in-stream flow requirements research.
- Created rainfall-runoff model input in ArcMap and HEC-HMS for a *Texas Department of Transportation* project. Identified and acquired software at no cost to the project which enabled on-time project completion.
- Created a semi-automated hydrologic unit naming process to rapidly assign names to thousands of watersheds for the *USDA NRCS Watershed Boundary Dataset* project.

#### **Climate History Team Intern**, Reston, 1997

- Created digital maps of U.S. aeolian deposits and an NDVI map of riparian vegetation along an impaired river for the U.S. Global Change Research program.

#### **Energy Resource Surveys Team Intern**, Denver, 1996

- Digitized oil and gas plays for a world energy resources assessment.

**COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE FOR GREENHOUSE GAS TECHNOLOGIES  
(CO2CRC), AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL OF PETROLEUM, ADELAIDE UNIVERSITY**

**Researcher**, 2009 – 2010

- Collaborated with public and private sectors – including *Xstrata Coal*, *CSIRO*, *CO2CRC*, and *Geoscience Australia* – to author a \$184M proposal for *Wandoan Power Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Project* supported by Australia's *CCS Flagship Program*.
- Managed authorship of a successful \$200K proposal for a review study of geological seals for *International Energy Association Greenhouse Gas Programme (IEAGHG)*.
- Assisted in instruction of 20 petroleum engineering graduate students from 7 different countries in a presentation skills class.
- Designed 2-D and 3-D geologic basin models, presentations, animations, and diagrams.

**FLINDERS UNIVERSITY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS & EARTH SCIENCES, AUSTRALIA**

**Adjunct Lecturer**, Earth Sciences Field Camp, 2009

- Taught 25 students how to characterise fate and transport of high salinity groundwater in order to understand anthropogenic impacts on ecosystem health and develop more effective ecosystem management strategies.

**ROWLAND HIGH SCHOOL, ROWLAND HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA**

**Earth Science Teacher**, 2005 – 2007

- Created and implemented earth science and technology instruction for 175 students per day. Students were from diverse ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Built rapport and networked with the professional science community to host guest speakers and promote teacher training.
- Authored proposals providing \$5K in funding for student field trips and materials.

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE. EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

**Programmer/Analyst**, 2001 – 2004

- Produced climate model forcing data sets for the *NASA Seasonal to Inter-annual Prediction Project (NSIPP)*.
- Collected ground truth data for validation of satellite-based C-band microwave radiometer measurements: *NASA-USDA joint Soil Moisture Experiment*.
- Developed Unix-based analytical programs with Fortran 77/90.
- Analyzed hydrology and climate time series and dynamical land surface model output.

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN. DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

**Teaching and Research Assistant**, 2000 – 2001

- Managed classroom and field instruction for 50 students of introductory geology.
- Produced self-directed research and computer programming for NSIPP.
- Wrote three successful grant proposals.

**OBERLIN COLLEGE. CENTER FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**IT Supervisor and Consultant**, 1995 – 1998

- Supported and trained 3,000 faculty, staff, and students in computer software and hardware.
- Oversaw hiring, scheduling and training of 23 consultants working at three labs.

**OBERLIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Assistant to the Executive Director**, 1994 – 1998

- Provided comprehensive public relations, communications, and technical support to the Director for economic development, city event planning, and visitor information.

**ARAMCO SERVICES COMPANY**

**Public Affairs Intern**, 1994.

- Managed *Aramco World* publications archives for one of the world's largest oil and gas producers.

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN**

**M. S. Geological Sciences**, 2004. Majors: Hydrology, Hydrogeology

### **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE**

**Earth System Science graduate coursework**, 2001 – 2002.

### **OBERLIN COLLEGE**, Oberlin, Ohio

**B. A. Geology and Musicology**, 1994 – 1998

### **CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY**, Cleveland, Ohio

**M.B.A. coursework**, 1999 – 2000. Subjects: Finance, Accounting, Economics

### **CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON**

**Secondary Teaching Credential**, 2007. Subjects: Earth Science, Music

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

### **Apple iPhone Programming, 2011.**

A 42-hour course to learn how to develop basic iPhone programs.

### **Flash 1: Introduction, 2011.**

An 18-hour course to learn how to create and publish Flash files in a variety of formats for online and offline delivery.

### **TDWI Data Asset Management Training, 2011.**

A 4-day course in Minneapolis, MN, that covered Data Governance Fundamentals, Data Quality Fundamentals, Requirements Gathering, and Master Data Management Fundamentals.

### **USGS Data Management Training, Reston, VA, 2011.**

An 8-hour course in Reston, VA, taught by Tom Chatfield of Bureau of Land Management for area science data coordinators. Had a key role in initiating this course.

### **EPA Open-Hole Logging Basic Course, 2011.**

A 2-day course covering borehole log interpretation to determine porosity, gas effect, lithology and water saturation.

### **Australian National Data Service (ANDS) Data Management Boot Camp, 2010.**

A 3-day course regarding data management best practices held at Monash University in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.

### **International Energy Association Greenhouse Gas Programme (IEAGHG) International Interdisciplinary Summer School, 2009.**

A 5-day school held in Lorne, Victoria, Australia that covered all aspects of carbon dioxide capture and storage. Admission was by highly competitive application.

## **AWARDS**

**Superior Performance Rating**, U.S. Geological Survey, 2011

**STAR Awards**, U.S. Geological Survey, 2008 (1) and 2011 (2)

**Best Group Presentation Award**, IEAGHG International Summer School, 2009.

**FEDCO Classroom Enrichment Grant**, Cal Poly Pomona, 2007

**Student-Impact Grant**, Credit Union of Southern California, 2005

**UT Austin Environmental Science Institute Graduate Research Fellowship**, 2001

**Outstanding Teaching Assistant**, University of Texas at Austin, 2001

## **PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

### **First author:**

Holl, Sally (2011), National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center Project Accomplishments: Highlights. U.S. Geological Survey Fact Sheet 2011-3135, 4 p., <http://pubs.usgs.gov/fs/2011/3135/>

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- (2005), Pio Pico Middle School Science Class Website, <http://sallyholl.com/science/piopico/index.shtml>.
- (2004), The sensitivity of land surface model simulations to bias reduction of ERA-15 downward radiation forcing, M.S. Thesis, University of Texas at Austin.

#### **Co-author:**

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- Dobrzinski, N., D. Haberland, M. Bunch, **S. Holl**, B. Ainsworth, and S. Mockler (2009), CCS modelling workflow: new aspects, emphases and knowledge gaps. In: Program and Abstracts, CO<sub>2</sub>CRC Research Symposium, Coolumb, Australia, 1-3 December, pp. 88.
- Famiglietti, J.S., J. Chen, **S. Holl**, M. Rodell, K. Seo, T. Syed, and C.R. Wilson (2004), Terrestrial water storage variations using GRACE: Implications for water budget closure at multiple scales, in Proceedings of the 2nd international CAHMDA workshop on: The Terrestrial Water Cycle: Modelling and Data Assimilation Across Catchment Scales, edited by A.J. Teuling, H. Leijnse, P.A. Troch, J. Sheffield and E.F. Wood, pp. 14, Princeton, NJ, 25-27 October.
- Menacherry, S., J. Kaldi, S. Mockler, and **S. Holl** (2010), Assessing a regional to site-specific potential for geologic sequestration in the Sydney Basin, Australia. Abstract submitted for presentation at the AAPG 2010 Annual Convention and Exhibition, New Orleans, USA, 11-14 April.
- Rodell, M., J.S. Famiglietti, J. Chen, S.I. Seneviratne, P. Viterbo, **S. Holl**, and C. R. Wilson (2004), Basin scale estimates of evapotranspiration using GRACE and other observations, Geophysical Research Letters, 31, L20504, doi:10.1029/2004GL020873.

#### **Contributor:**

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## **SKILLS**

**Exceptional skill in networking and presenting.**

**Ability to produce high quality deliverables to tight deadlines.**

**Data collection, analysis, and reporting.**

**Programming Languages:** Objective C, Python, and FORTRAN 77 / 90

**Applications:** ArcGIS Desktop 10.0, ArcGIS Server 9.3, ERDAS Imagine, Microsoft Access, Adobe Creative Suite 5.5, Adobe Captivate, Adobe Robohelp, Flash 5.5, XCode 4.3, Google Earth, ArcParticle, Aquachem, Netpath, Modflow, HEC-GeoHMS, HEC-HMS, Dreamweaver, Zotero, Mendeley, Endnote, IPDS (USGS publications system), and Basis+ (USGS budget management and reporting).

## **LANGUAGES**

Intermediate writing, speaking, and reading skills in Spanish.

## **SERVICE**

Chairperson, Austin Adelaide Sister City Committee, 4/ 2011 – present  
Co-Chair, USGS Community for Data Integration Data Policy Committee, 2011  
Board member, Bob Koll Sailing Foundation, Newport Beach, CA, 2005 – 2007

## **FOREIGN TRAVEL**

Australia, Egypt, Japan, Cuba, Indonesia, Mexico, Canada, Dominican Republic, Costa Rica, and the Cook Islands